

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-11 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants submit that the applied references do not disclose or suggest at least, “wherein said telecommunications system includes a plurality of participant terminals,” as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in the other independent claims. The previously applied primary reference Prandoni is only directed to stroboscoping and does not relate to a telecommunications system.

Thus, Applicants submit that the applied references, either alone or in combination, clearly do not disclose or suggest at least each and every feature of the claimed invention.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the previous prior art rejections should be withdrawn.

Request for Interview

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants’ representatives if the Examiner is not persuaded to withdraw the previous prior art rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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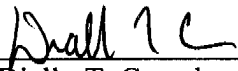
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